ing some problems because of stiff competition from local banks, sharp changes in the economic scenario and crash in property markets in USA.

The performance of the overseas branches of the Indian Banks is continuously monitored by the Reserve Bank of India. During the last few years steps have been taken to strengthen the system of operations of the overseas sector in the areas of personnel policy, prudential norms for credit exposures, reinforcing of internal and supervisory controls, introduction of system of portfolio inspections of international divisions in India of banks having overseas operations. Banks have also closed some of their branches which were considered non-viable.

Steps to ensure adequate supply of essential commodities

3483: SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had stated that Government will hold talks with the representatives of the industry to ensure adequate supply of essential commodities;

(b) whether any concrete steps have been taken by his Ministry after the meeting with the representatives of the industry; and

(c) if so, what are the details theroef ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) Talks have been held by the concerned Ministries with the representatives of industry to improve the supply situation and maintain prices at reasonable levels. Steps have been taken by the Government to arrange adequate supplies of essential commodities for distribution under the Public Distribution System. These include stepping up releases of rice, wheat, enhanced releases of sugar and edible oils for the festival season and arranging imports of edible oil to augment domestic supply.

Close coordination is being maintained with the railways to remove transport bottlenecks and to ensure timely supplies to all the regions in the country.

Transfer Policy in State Bank of Indore

3484. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE to pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that transfers policy is not being followed by the State Bank of Indore, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of clerks/ cashiers, branchwise who are staying at one place for the last 5/10 years in the State Bank of Indore, Delhi branches;

(c) whether it is also a fact that transfers are not being effected even after their promotion;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(e) what are the instructions in this regard and how Government propose to deal with the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available/ feasible.

Tea Plantation in Orissa

3485. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area earmarked in Kalahandi district of Orissa for tea plantation;

(b) whether the land was acquired from tribal farmers for this purpose four years ago;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in tea plantation in this area; and

(d) what steps have been taken to undertake tea plantation in this area at an early date ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Iron Ore Mines in Orissa

3486. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of iron ore mines in Orissa, district-wise;

(b) the approximate deposit of different grade of iron ore in these mines;

(c) whether steps have been taken to modernise some of these mines:

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken to revive the sick iron ore mines in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND *MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE* OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) :

(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Expansion of Hotel Network by IDTC

3487. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corportion has any proposal to expand its hotel network during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the name of the States where ITDC proposes to expand its existing hotels and also to set up new hotels;

(c) whether ITDC has any proposal to undertake its expansion programme in Orissa during the Eighth Plan period: and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK) : (a) and (b) ITDC is presently implementing the following projects :

Expansion of its existing properties	Name of State
1. Hotel Jaipur Ashok by adding 37 rooms	Rajasthan
2. Ashok Radisson Beach Resort Kovalam by adding 72 rooms	Kerala
3. Travellers Lodge at Manali by adding 22 rooms and its conversion into a hotel New Project	Himachal Pradesh
Hotel at Gulmarg (31 rooms) . .	Jammu & Kashmir

(c) The draft Eight Five Year Plan of ITDC does not include any such proposal in the State of Orissa .

(d) Does not arise.

Exploration of Bauxite Deposits in Orissa

3488. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the approximate bauxite deposit in Orissa;

(b) what are the places where bauxite mines are located;

(c) whether steps have been taken by Government to explore bauxite from these mines mechanically; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) :

(a) The total estimated reserve of bauxite in Orissa is 1,370.45 million tonnes.

(b) There are two operating mines in the State of Orissa located at Panchpatmali in Koraput district and at Kusumdih in Sundergarh district.

(c) and (d) The National Aluminium Company Ltd., a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking is working the bauxite mine at Panchpatmali with an installed capacity of 2.4 million tonnes per annum. This is a fully mechanised mine.